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NEWS from *ISLINGTON*,

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**The Confession,**

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**E X E C U T I O N,**

OF

*GEORGE ALLIN*

**B U T C H E R,**

Who now Hangs in CHAINS Near

TO

*ISLINGTON,*

With a full and True Relation of his whole Confession before several Godly Ministers who came Dayly to visit him in Newgate.

With the Tryal of one *Stevens* for Breaking open a House at *Branford*.

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With a full and fair statement of his work in Con-  
tention before the Court, and a full and fair  
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With the Trial of a new and better open  
a House as a whole



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### News from the Sessions-House.

**A**T the General Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal delivery, held for the County of Middlesex and City of London, upon *Friday* and *Saturday*, the 19. and 20. of *February* Instant. Were arraigned several Malefactors for Crimes of sundry Natures, inconsiderable, other the more remarkable were these that follow.

The first was one *Harker* an Ostler at the Bell-Inn on *Fish-street* Hill who was arraigned upon two several Indictments, the one for the Felonious stealing of a Horse, the other for the taking away of Monyes to the value of fourscore Pounds and upwards, from one Mr. *Sterling*, a Gentleman that lay in the same Inn, it seemes upon the evidence, that this Gentleman overnight spoke to the said Hostler to get his Horse ready the next Morning for his journey; which accordingly was done, and that Morning the Gentleman finding his Horse made ready, took his Portmante wherein was fourscore Pounds and upwards, and laid it on himself upon the Horse and fastned it, and then going back again upon some occasion into the House, at his return within a very little time, finds his horse and mony gone and the Ostler to boot, who had taken this opportunity of his absence to leap into the

the Saddle and ride away with the booty; the Gentleman being thus left in the Lurch, finds it to little purpose to pursue after him, but rests for a while as patient as the reflections of so great a loss and disappointment would suffer him, It happened the same day towards Evening that a friend of this Gentlemans being in *Russel-street* near *Drury-Lane*, towards the Evening saw the aforesaid Hostler passing by, He was then disguised with a Periwig so that he was not easy to be known, however the Gentleman apprehended him and it proved the same person, and he Confessed before the justice upon his examination that it was he that rode away with the Gentlemans Horse, and mony, and being demanded what he had done with them, he acquainted them that he had hid the mony (all but a little) that he took out for present occasions in *Cane-wood* near *Highgate*, and there according to his directions going over to the place they found it the horse he had left at Holloway tying him to a Bush, in the High-way and upon inquiry in the Neighbourhood there they chanced to heare of him, and the Gentleman had him returned again also.

Upon his tryal he confest that he had rod away with the Horse and mony, but desired the favour of the Court in respect that the Gentleman had his Horse and mony returned again, which matter being left to the Jury, they brought him upon the first indictment for stealing the horse not guilty, upon the second they found him as for taking the mony; notwithstanding the Court not being satisfied with their first Verdict, sent them out again to consider of it, but they

they brought in the same again that he was not Guilty of Stealing the Horse, for that as they said they understood the Gentlemans Horse was delivered to him to hold while the Gentleman went in, which made a Lawful possession, and therefore could be no Felonius taking him away, but the Court seemed to be of another opinion.



The fact was not more knavish then the next was Tragical, which was the tryal of that bloody and inhumane Villaine, the Butcher that kild his Wife at *Islington*, the fact was apparently proved against him by divers witnesses to whom he confest it, and by examination taken before a Justice upon his apprehension neither indeed did he go about to deny it at his Tryal but rather seemed to justified it both by his words and carriage, for when the Court asked him if he did not find a remors and trouble in his spirit for what he had done, he replyed that it did not, and that his Wife might thank her self for what she suffered for, that she urged him to it, upon the whole circumstance of the Evidence it appeared that this fellow had lived with this afore said wife for the space of near too years, leaving her that time in the Country, and keeping himself in *London*, where he drove the Trade of a Butcher, of which profession he proved to be from first to last, about the Bowling-ally in *Turnbal-street*; the *Tuesday* before the fact was done, the woman his wife, having been with him some days in town, and did by his order go back to the *Town* where she lived to fetch up some things that he wanted, and was to return again the *Tuesday* following, which she did and

as soon as she came to Town, poor Soul, goes directly to her bloody minded Husband, who seeming all this while to be taking care for a settlement for her, was in the mean while rather studying to destroy her, for upon her arrival he acquaints her that he had taken a new Lodging at *Islington* where they were to lye that night, and thither she must go with him, which she did, following him along *Hatton-Garding*, to *Clackenwel* and so to *Islington*, where taking his opportunity near the Gravel-pits, a place fit for his hellish purpose, he fell upon her, and in a Barbarous manner give her several deadly wounds in her head and Breast with her own Pattin, of which wounds she was found dead the next Morning being *Saturday*, and the same day the Murtherer was also by the providence of the Divine justice found out and discovered, as hath been formerly related to you in another account of this Targedy.

There was also indicted a young man and a maid that had been lately Servants to a Gentleman whose house being not far out of Town, was lately broke open and Robed, whence they lost several pieces of plate, and other things of greater value, and these two persons being suspected to be the actors or at least accessaries to the robbery, were now tryed upon it, the fact upon the tryal appeared to be thus, the Gentleman of the House was that night abroad, his Wife and maid lay in a roome up one pair of stairs with a little Child of the gentlemans, towards Morning early comes in three men into the roome in Vizards and a light with them, with Weapons, the one having an  
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Hanger, another an Holbert, and the third a Pistol; in this formidable posture they came to her Bedside.

*The Confession of George Allin before several Ministers in Newgate.*

**A**FTER the Ministers had prayed with him, they urged to know the reason why he killed his Wife, and the cause of his first leaving of her; he replied, that she had kept others Company; and could not therefore live Contented, and therefore left her? Then afterwards, fell in Love with a Servant Maid that lived next door to his Masters, and that it was through her means that he killed her, for she had moved him several times to marry her, and he replied, that he could not well do it; by reason he had a Wife already; desired to know whether she would have him knock her in the head; she Answered, do what you will *George*. Furthermore he was asked whether he had made use of this Persons Body; to this after long consideration; Confessed that he had, and that it was through her means that he killed his Wife, and farther did confess in the hearing of several; that he had but then parted with the Maid in one Field, and killed his Wife in the next. Then he and she coming face to face these things being laid to her charge she utterly denied, to which he replied, that he had bought her a Ring, that cost him twenty eight shillings, which was all the Money that he could make shift for; and that he did always give her all the money that he could shift for, and that he had

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not Money for to Marry her, to which she replied; that she would find Money.

He is become very penitent, and is seldome or never without his book in his hand Reading, and Praying to God to forgive him for all his former sins and Wickedness; and more especially for this Crying sin of Murdering his own dear flesh and Blood, which hainous sinne Cryes to God for vengeance against him; He desaes all people to pray for him, (especially Young people,) desiring them to take example by him; and his shameful death; and to have a speciall care what Company they keep, and to beware of the Company of Evil Women which had been the Chief cause of this his shameful End.

There was also Tryed one *Stevens* for breaking open a House at Brandford which was the house where he usually Lodged; his Landlady having laid up 30. pounds for to pay her Brewer he having some sight thereof longed for an oportunity; whereby he might furnish himself with that Treasure, To accomplish which design, he on the next morning went forth and staid out all the day, and the best part of the Night; then coming to the house and finding all things secure; he broke into the house, and took away the money, besides plate and the Rings: to the value of 60. pounds for which he was Tryed, and Condemned to be hanged.

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